

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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BUDGET RESOLUTION/Fair Tax Treatment for At-Home Parents

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1999-2003 . . . S.Con. Res. 86. Sessions/Enzi amendment No. 2166.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 96-0

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S.Con. Res. 86, the Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1999-2003, will balance the unified budget in 1998 and will run surpluses for each of the next 5 fiscal years. Both Federal spending and Federal revenues will increase 3.5 percent from fiscal year (FY) 1998 to FY 1999. All surpluses will be reserved for Social Security reform. A reserve fund will be established to allow the entire Federal share of revenues resulting from a potential tobacco settlement to be dedicated to bolstering Medicare's solvency.

The Sessions/Enzi amendment would express the sense of the Congress that the functional totals in this resolution assume:

- many families in the United States make enormous sacrifices to forego a second income in order to have a parent care for a child at home;
- there should be no bias against at-home parents;
- parents choose many different forms of child care to meet the needs of their families, such as child care provided by an at-home parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbor, nanny, preschool, or child care center;
- any quality child care proposal should include, as a key component, financial relief for those families where there is an at-home parent; and
- mothers and fathers who have chosen and continue to choose to be at home should be applauded for their efforts.

The amendment would also make the following findings:

- studies have shown that quality child care, particularly for infants and young children, requires a sensitive, interactive, living, and consistent caregiver;
- as most parents meet or exceed the above criteria, circumstances allowing parental care is the best form of child care;

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YEAS (96)				NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (4)	
Republican (52 or 100%)		Democrats (44 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (3)	Democrats (1)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Akaka	Inouye			Bennett- ²	Mikulski- ²
Allard	Hutchison	Baucus	Johnson			Hatch- ^{2AY}	
Ashcroft	Jeffords	Biden	Kennedy			Inhofe- ²	
Bond	Kempthorne	Bingaman	Kerrey				
Brownback	Kyl	Boxer	Kerry				
Burns	Lott	Breaux	Kohl				
Campbell	Lugar	Bryan	Landrieu				
Chafee	Mack	Bumpers	Lautenberg				
Coats	McCain	Byrd	Leahy				
Cochran	McConnell	Cleland	Levin				
Collins	Murkowski	Conrad	Lieberman				
Coverdell	Nickles	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Roberts	Dodd	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Roth	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Santorum	Durbin	Reed				
Domenici	Sessions	Feingold	Reid				
Enzi	Shelby	Feinstein	Robb				
Faircloth	Smith, Bob	Ford	Rockefeller				
Frist	Smith, Gordon	Glenn	Sarbanes				
Gorton	Snowe	Graham	Torricelli				
Gramm	Specter	Harkin	Wellstone				
Grams	Stevens	Hollings	Wyden				
Grassley	Thomas						
Gregg	Thompson						
Hagel	Thurmond						
Helms	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

- a recent NIH study found that the greatest factor in the development of a young child is "what is happening at home and in families";

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